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Education: Georgia 1982 AB, 1985 JD
Began Service: March 18, 2002

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Joyce Bihary
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Wellesley 1972 BA; Michigan 1975 JD
Began Service: September 1, 1987
Term Expires: September 2015

Legal Practice: Attorney, Alston, Miller & Gaines (1975-1977); Attorney then Partner, Rogers & Hardin (1977-1987)

Current Memberships: American Bar Foundation; American College of Bankruptcy; Atlanta Bar Association; Coalition for Consumer Debtor Education; Georgia Association of Women Lawyers; Georgia Consortium for Personal Financial Literacy; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

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W. Homer Drake, Jr.
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1932
Education: Mercer 1954 AB, 1956 LLB
Began Service: September 1, 1964
Term Expires: May 20, 2013

Academic: Adjunct Professor, University of Georgia Law School (1971-1972); Adjunct Professor, Emory Law School (1973-1975); Walter Homer Drake Professorship of Bankruptcy Law, Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University (1996)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Lewis R. Morgan, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (1961-1964)

Judicial: President, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (1972-1973)

Legal Practice: Partner, Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers (1976-1979)

Military Service: Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1956-1959)

Current Memberships: American College of Bankruptcy; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

Staff

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Margaret H. Murphy
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Queens Col (NC) 1970 BA; North Carolina 1973 JD
Began Service: October 19, 1987
Term Expires: October 18, 2015

Legal Practice: Associate then Partner, Smith, Gambrell & Russell (1973-1987)

Current Memberships: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

Staff

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James E. Massey
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Emory 1965 BA; Columbia 1968 LLB
Began Service: November 3, 1993
Term Expires: November 2, 2007

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1969-1993)

Staff

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Robert E. Brizendine
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Georgia Tech 1968 BS; Vanderbilt 1971 JD
Began Service: November 3, 1993
Term Expires: November 3, 2007

Legal Practice: Scroggins & Brizendine (and predecessor firms) (1971-1993)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1972-1979)

Current Memberships: Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute; State Bar of Georgia

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C. Ray Mullins
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Bowling Green State 1974 BS, 1977 MBA; Toledo 1982 JD
Began Service: February 29, 2000
Term Expires: February 28, 2014

Academic: Instructor, Bowling Green State University (1977-1982); Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Toledo (1983-1985)

Legal Practice: Cooper Straub Walinski & Cramer (1982-1987); Kilpatrick Stockton (1987-2000)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; Commercial Law League; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

Staff

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Paul W. Bonapfel
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Florida State; Georgia JD
Began Service: April 10, 2002

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Mary Grace Diehl
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: September 3, 1952
Education: Canisius 1974 BA; Harvard 1977 JD
Began Service: February 23, 2004
Term Expires: February 2018

Legal Practice: Practice Group Leader, Bankruptcy, Troutman Sanders LLP

Current Memberships: American College of Bankruptcy; American Bankruptcy Institute; Atlanta Bar Association; Georgia Association for Women Lawyers; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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